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DLNR TO CLOSE COMFORT STATION TEMPORARILY AT KAUMAHINA WAYSIDE

-- Portable toilets to be provided in parking area

KAHULUI — The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will close the comfort station at Kaumahina Wayside along the Hana Highway for a month in June for flooring improvements. The wayside will remain <u>open</u> but the comfort station will be closed from June 1 through June 30, 2009. Portable toilets will be provided in the parking area during the closure.

The Division of State Parks will install new ceramic floor tiles, tile and grouting sealant to provide durable and sanitary flooring that is easier to clean and maintain hygiene for park users.

"We appreciate the public's patience and understanding during the construction period. These improvements are a key component of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's ongoing efforts to repair and maintain our state parks facilities and infrastructure statewide, and to ensure public health and safety for those who use the parks," said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson.

"DLNR is committed to maintain our recreational facilities to the level of quality expressed in the Recreational Renaissance," Thielen added.

Normal park open hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The park gate will be closed overnight to prevent vandalism.

Kaumahina Wayside is located along Hana Highway (Highway 360), approximately 28 miles east of Kahului Airport—a two-hour drive. It is a forested rest stop on 7.8 acres, with picnicking, showy exotic plants and scenic viewpoint of northeast Maui coastline.

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